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DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: **Board of Speech Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid**

Dispenser

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, August 13, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room B second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED September 10, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Michael Michelli, Professional Member, President Carol Guilbert, Public Member, Secretary Regina Bilton, Professional Member Illene Courtright, Professional Member Dr. Cynthia Parker, Professional Member George Christensen, Public Member Maisha Britt, Public Member (2:00 p.m.-3:19 p.m.)

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General Shauna Slaughter, Administrative Specialist II Kay Warren, Deputy Director

MEMBER ABSENT

Mary Ann Connolly-Gaskin, Professional Member

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Michelli called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from the July 9, 2008 meeting. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINSHED BUSINESS

2:15 p.m. - Formal Hearing on Complaint No. 30-04-07

The formal hearing on complaint #30-04-07 was cancelled at the request of Barbara Gadbois, Deputy Attorney General. She is working on a consent agreement with the respondent.

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Review Strategic Plan

Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to table this discussion until the next meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Previously Tabled Temporary Audiologist Application for Paula Moore

The Board reviewed the application for a temporary audiologist license for Paula Moore, which was previously tabled. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Courtright, to propose to deny the application. Motion unanimously carried. Ms. Moore is an AuD. student in her fourth year internship. Based on the Board's statute and regulations they cannot license students. Ms. Moore was unable to be licensed based on her master's degree because the CFY plan that she submitted was submitted after she had already started her CFY. Also, Ms. Moore indicated on her application that she obtained her master's degree in August 2007, but the transcript indicated that the degree was conferred in May 2008.

<u>Final Denial of Previously Proposed to Deny Temporary Hearing Aid Dispenser Application for Rita Knapp</u>

Dr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Guilbert, to deny the temporary hearing aid dispenser application for Rita Knapp. Motion unanimously carried. The Board previously proposed to deny the application and Ms. Knapp did not submit a written request for a hearing.

<u>Final Denial of Previously Proposed to Deny Permanent Speech Pathologist Application for Susan Vanore</u>

Ms. Courtright made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to deny the permanent speech pathologist application for Susan Vanore. Motion unanimously carried. The Board previously proposed to deny the application and Ms. Vanore did not submit a written request for a hearing.

Review Joint Sunset Committee Questionnaire

Ms. Warren reviewed the Joint Sunset Committee questionnaire with the Board and asked for their input on the answers. Ms. Warren will email the final draft to the board members for review. Feedback can be directed to Ms. Warren or Ms. Slaughter.

Ms. Warren provided the board members with a copy of the final report submitted by the Governor's Task Force on Licensed Speech-Language Pathologists.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Permanent Speech Pathologist Applications

The Board reviewed Tammy DeOliveira's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the application contingent upon receipt of an official transcript, which provides the date her degree was conferred. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Nisha Dilal's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

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The Board reviewed Abbie Munce's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Whitney Smith's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Guilbert, to approve the application contingent upon receipt of an official transcript, which provides the date her degree was conferred. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Lindsay Shirey's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the application contingent upon receipt of an official transcript, which provides the date her degree was conferred. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Temporary Speech Pathologist Applications

The Board reviewed Megan Racis' application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Courtright, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Melissa Shumate's application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the application contingent upon receipt of a written answer to question number one on page two of the application. Motion unanimously carried. This question was unanswered on the application.

Review Temporary Audiologist Application

The Board reviewed Liesl Looney's application for a temporary audiologist license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Permanent Audiologist Application

The Board reviewed Susanne Abate's application for a permanent audiologist license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Guilbert, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Temporary Hearing Aid Dispenser Application

The Board reviewed Kathleen Gallion's application for a temporary hearing aid dispenser license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Guilbert, to approve the application contingent upon receipt of a sponsor affidavit. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Continuing Education Activities

Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Courtright, to approve the following continuing education as noted below:

Licensee: Alina Columbus Sponsor: Reading Assist

Activity: Structural Analysis of Multisyllable Words

Contact Hours: 6 hours

Category: CS

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Licensee: Alina Columbus Sponsor: Reading Assist

Activity: Sound Symbol Instruction

Contact Hours: 6 hours

Category: CS

Licensee: Lawrence Dow Hyde Sponsor: University of Maryland

Activity: Pediatric Dysphagia/New Frontiers in Dysphagia

Contact Hours: 22 hours

Category: CS

Licensee: Tammy Clark

Sponsor: Costco Hearing Aid Center

Activity: 2008 Hearing Aid Dispensing Update

Contact Hours: 9 Category: CS

Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request for Extension of Temporary Speech Pathologist License – Lindsay Charles

The Board reviewed a request for an extension of Lindsay Charles' temporary speech pathologist license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Courtright, to approve the request for an extension for one year. Motion unanimously carried.

Assign Complaint Contact

The following complaints were assigned board contacts as noted:

Complaint #30-02-08 – Assigned to Dr. Parker Complaint #30-04-08 – Assigned to Dr. Parker Complaint #30-05-08 – Assigned to Dr. Parker Complaint #30-03-08 – Assigned to Dr. Michelli

Other Business before the Board

Ms. Kelly advised the Board that if they receive a package of information from Zounds Hearing they should not open it or read it. The information should not have been forwarded to the board members. Several members had already received the packages and brought them to Ms. Slaughter today. The packages will be forwarded to the Investigative Unit.

Ms. Kelly advised the Board that House Bill 36 passed. HB36 gives the Board the ability to issue cease and desist orders for unlicensed practice. The Board will also be able to impose monetary penalties for those who do not stop practicing after the order is issued.

Correspondence

Ms. Slaughter provided the Board with a copy of the 21st Annual NCSB Conference Brochure.

Ms. Slaughter provided the Board with a copy of the International Hearing Society Licensing Board Conference Information.

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Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 2:00, in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Dr. Michelli, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Slaughter

Administrative Specialist II

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